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"Step Up to the Podium: Every Great Debater Starts Somewhere!"

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Agenda

Why Debate?

2024-2025 Resolution

Stock Issues

Research

Why Debate?

- The answer is advocacy.
Webster's Dictionary defines advocacy as speaking or writing in support of something.
- An advocate is someone defending or promoting an issue or position.



2024-2025 UIL CX Resolution

Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.



Topicality

Stock Issues

Solvency

Harms

Inherency

Topicality

An Affirmative team is obligated to present a topical case.

The First Affirmative Construction Speech should demonstrate that the Affirmative is topical, meaning that it is within the scope of the resolution

Prima Facie and literally means “on the face of things.”

Let's review the Resolution for terms and definitions. Turn and talk to your neighbor about this years resolution (3 minutes). Share



Significance

The Affirmative team has the responsibility of presenting a case it feels is very important, one that focuses on a problem that needs to be addressed.

The Affirmative can test its significance by asking: How important is it?

If the case only concerns a small segment of the population or an isolated issue, the affirmative may not be dealing with a truly important portion of the resolution.



Harms

- This portion of the case documents who or what is being hurt by the problem the affirmative has asserted.
- It may be human deaths, a depressed economy, loss of jobs, a threat to national security, or other major impacts.
 - significant impact to human life is the benchmark of harms.
 - Harms evidence must be very specific

DANGER

Inherency



- The Affirmative team must do more than prove a harm exists. It must locate the causes of the problem and why these cannot be solved in the present system (status quo).
- Why hasn't this already been done? The answer: there is a barrier in the Status Quo that has prevented its implementation.
 - Structural
 - Attitudinal
- You must state what the present system is doing and why it does not solve the problem.
- If the Affirmative has no inherency, it does not have a case.

Solvency

- Solvency is the portion of case that proves the harm documented by the Affirmative team can be alleviated by the affirmative plan.
- The Affirmative must have specific evidence that demonstrates that the harm will end if its plan is implemented
- When the Affirmative solves for the harm, it accrues an advantage



Summary of Stock Issues

If the Affirmative can find evidence to address the stock issues, it has a solid case. This does not mean the Affirmative is unbeatable. The Negative still has an opportunity to present evidence to counter the Affirmative.

H.I.T.S

Stock Issues Activity

1. Find a partner or small group,
2. Using the material identify each of the 4 pieces of evidence into HITS
3. Share Out

Materials: Chart Paper, Markers, Sample HIT evidence.

Research

Sources:

- Baylor Briefs
- Google Scholar
- EBSCO
- Think Tanks
- Magazines
- Journals
- OpenEvidence



Card Cutting

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Complete Article/Source

Evidence

Oral Source Citations

Written Source Citations



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